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SUBJECT: U.S.-ARGENTINE COOPERATION IN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

1. SCIENCE COUNSELOR MET YESTERDAY WITH AMBASSADOR RAFAEL VAZQUEZ -  
DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR S&T, MINISTRY FOR FOREIGN RELATIONS  
AND RELIGION. AMB. VAZQUEZ WAS PREVIOUSLY IN WASHINGTON AS  
ARGENTINE AMBASSADOR AND ALSO AS CONSULATE GENERAL IN NEW  
YORK AND NEW ORLEANS. HE HAS JUST RETURNED FROM HOLLAND AS  
ARGENTINE AMBASSADOR AND HAS ONLY BEEN ASSIGNED TO HIS NEW  
POSITION FOR ABOUT A WEEK.

2. AMB. VAZQUEZ IS IN A WORD "DYNAMIC".. HE IS ALREADY  
DEVELOPING A NUMBER OF PROPOSED JOINT S&T PROGRAMS FOR U.S.  
REVIEW. WE DISCUSSED ONGOING SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION UNDER THE  
JOINT S&T AGREEMENT PRIMARILY BETWEEN THE NATIONAL SCIENCE  
FOUNDATION AND THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF SCIENTIFIC AND  
TECHNICAL INVESTIGATIONS (CONICET); JOINT RESEARCH PROGRAMS  
WITH THE OFFICE OF NAVAL RESEARCH; COOPERATIVE ANTARCTIC  
RESEARCH PROGRAMS; SPACE COOPERATION AND INDIVIDUAL  
RESEARCH GRANTS FROM US AGENCIES IN MANY AREAS OF  
RESEARCH.

3. AMB. VAZQUEZ INDICATED THAT THE PRESENT US-ARGENTINE S&T  
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AGREEMENT SHOULD BE STRENGTHENED AND AUGMENTED TO  
INCLUDE INDUSTRIAL, ENVIRONMENTAL, AND FOOD  
TECHNOLOGY, HEALTH AND AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH COOPERA-  
TION, AND "MANY, MANY MORE AREAS".

4. AMB. RAFAEL REFERRED TO THE U.N. "CONFERENCE ON  
TECHNICAL COOPERATION AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES" TO BE

HELD IN BUENOS AIRES NEXT AUGUST. HE INDICATED THIS CONFERENCE WOULD PRESENT AN EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY FOR US AND ARGENTINE SCIENTISTS TO GET TOGETHER IN WORKSHOPS TO HAMMER OUT PLANS FOR FUTURE RESEARCH PROGRAMS. AMB. VAZQUEZ MENTIONED THAT PRESIDENT VIDELA HAS JUST APPOINTED BRIG. GENERAL JORGE PUZZO AS HEAD OF A TEMPORARY COMMISSION TO COORDINATE THE AUGUST CONFERENCE AND PULL TOGETHER THE ACTION PAPERS FROM THE ARGENTINE AGENCIES AND INSTITUTES INVOLVED.

5. AMB. VAZQUEZ INDICATED HE WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING THE US POSITION REGARDING THIS CONFERENCE AND WHAT WILL BE THE EXTENT OF US PARTICIPATION. HE STATED THAT HE HOPED THE US WOULD ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE IN THIS "IMPORTANT MEETING."

6. SCIENCE COUNSELOR TOLD AMB. VAZQUEZ THAT WE WOULD CERTAINLY WELCOME DISCUSSIONS ON NEW FIELDS OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERATION. IN FACT, THE NSF AND CONICET HAVE BEEN EXPLORING NEW RESEARCH CATEGORIES UNDER THE US-ARGENTINE S&T AGREEMENT. FOR EXAMPLE, THERE WILL BE THREE RESEARCH WORKSHOPS HELD IN ARGENTINA THIS YEAR SPONSORED BY THE TWO GOVERNMENTS ON NEW RESEARCH SUBJECTS. IN ADDITION, SUCH RESEARCH FIELDS AS FOOD TECHNOLOGY, NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY - WIND AND SOLAR, ELECTRONICS, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AND URBAN LIVING TECHNOLOGY ARE ADDITIONAL AREAS OF INTEREST TO BOTH COUNTRIES.

7. WE AGREED TO HAVE ANOTHER MEETING IN ABOUT TWO WEEKS DURING WITH TIME AMB. VAZQUEZ WILL PREPARE SEVERAL PROPOSALS FOR US-ARGENTINE SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERATION FOR REVIEW BY EMBASSY AND US AGENCIES.

8. SCIENCE COUNSELOR INDICATED THAT ANY JOINT PROPOSALS FOR COOPERATION IN FIELDS OF S&T WILL BE COORDINATED THROUGH THE NSF AND CONICET AS THE LEAD AGENCIES INVOLVED IN THE JOINT S&T AGREEMENT.

9. IN REGARD TO THE UN CONFERENCE ON TECHNICAL COOPERATION IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES TO BE HELD IN BUENOS AIRES IN AUGUST, SCIENCE COUNSELOR MENTIONED TO AMB. VAZQUEZ THAT BEFORE HE LEFT WASHINGTON, ABOUT THREE WEEKS AGO, THE EXTENT OF THE US PARTICIPATION IN THIS CONFERENCE HAD NOT YET BEEN DETERMINED. HOWEVER, WE WOULD INFORM THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT FURTHER ON THIS AS SOON AS MORE INFORMATION IS RECEIVED FROM WASHINGTON.

10. COMMENTS: SCIENCE COUNSELOR MET TODAY WITH  
BRIG. GENERAL JORGE POZZO, THE RECENTLY APPOINTED  
COORDINATOR OF THE CONFERENCE. GEN. POZZO INDICATED THAT  
THE PRINCIPLE PURPOSE OF THE CONFERENCE WILL BE THE  
PREPARATION OF AN ACTION PLAN FOR THE PROMOTION AND  
REALIZATION OF TECHNICAL COOPERATION BETWEEN DEVELOPING  
COUNTRIES. HE MENTIONED THAT APPROXIMATELY 120 COUNTRIES  
WILL PARTICIPATE. SCIENCE COUNSELOR IS PREPARING ANOTHER  
TELEGRAM SUMMARY OF THE PROVISIONAL PROGRAM OF THE  
CONFERENCE AND WILL POUCH THE BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS.

-- EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE, AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, THE  
DEPARTMENT'S POSITION RELATIVE TO THIS CONFERENCE AND  
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